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The Graduates of Middlebury College ~~are~~ ^{are} keen
with regret that the Institution is in pressing need of
pecuniary aid. Our sympathy with our Alma Mater
is deep & abiding - our confidence unabated. Look-
ing at the many valuable men whom she has
given to the Church - at the eminent men in civil
life, who there laid the foundation of their distinc-
tion, we feel that we may indulge a just pride
in her past history. Of her eight hundred graduates
nearly one half have entered the Christian min-
istry. Twenty three have become foreign mission-
aries. The moral power that these ministers of our
holy religion have exercised, & which they are now
exercising, is beyond estimate.

In civil life, two distinguished gover-
nors of states; a justice of the Supreme Court of the
United States; many judges of State Courts, mem-
bers of Congress & State Legislatures, attest the val-
ue of an education at Middlebury for the higher
duties of life. Indeed it has very ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~remarked~~,
& we think with entire propriety, that no college,
in proportion to ~~the number of its alumni~~, has
given to our country ~~has given~~ a larger number
of distinguished & valuable men. They have
very ~~when~~ ^{when} been known as practical, efficient
men.

It ought not & must not be that Mid-
dlebury College, so dear to our hearts, shall
languish for want of pecuniary means. A
valuable & self denying faculty have a right to look
to a generous public for the means of sustain-

ing an institution for which they are laboring with untiring zeal.

We appeal earnestly, affectionately, confidently to our brother graduates who have the means, to come forward to the aid of our Alma Mater in this emergency - to those who are unable to contribute of their wealth to give their influence. We appeal ^{through you} to the lovers of sound learning, of a pure morality & of evangelical religion to place on a solid foundation, an institution which, in proportion to its means & its graduates has given more ministers to the Churches than any other college in our country. Young men at Heidelberg are surrounded by healthful religious influence. Remote from temptations, in the midst of a highly moral & religious community, their youth is safe from those rocks on which so many have made shipwreck in the morning of life. Ten religious revivals in some few times that number of years, prove both the kindness of surrounding influences & the power of God to this school of our early years. From the Mountain scenery on which the student here daily gazes & with daily increasing delight, he seems to derive a vigor of intellect, a firmness of purpose, & a moral courage, which nerve him for high & holy enterprises. It is not strange that those thus educated have gone in such numbers to face the dangers - to encounter the trials, & to overcome the difficulties of missionary life. They are the men that the world & the age demands.

Must Middlebury College be blotted out?
Can she be spared from the list of our literary
institutions? The nerve, the vigor, the enter-
prise, of which she is the fruitful mother must
not fail us in this day when requisition is
made for high & noble moral training.
Such is our confidence derived from long
years of observation of the graduates of this
college that, send me whose soul has felt
the full influence of her training in any
enterprise of difficulty or danger, and we
would vouch before hand that he would
be found wanting in no possible emergency.
If he fail, he would fail where another
could not succeed.

Brethren - memory lingers around the
scene of our youth. Our hearts warm in the
recollection of all that we owe to Middle-
bury. Years have passed since we trod her
halls. Amidst the trials & conflicts of life
we have been - cherished - enriched; we have
been nerved anew when she has stood
before us, in the visions of the past. Let us
not outlive her. Let us gather around to
nourish & sustain. & not to bury her. It would
indeed be melancholy to walk in mournful
procession to consign her to the dust. It cannot
- must not be. With one united heart, let us say
God helping the sons of Middlebury College
will save her.